

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 428 - HB 438**

February 19, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Extends the waiting period for a divorce based on irreconcilable differences in cases involving minor children from 90 to 180 days if such minors are between the ages of 15 and 18 and to 365 days if such minors are under the age of 15. Includes "immediate and irreparable injury" as a reason for granting an order for legal separation when one party objects. Authorizes circumstances in which marriage counseling would not remain confidential.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

##### Assumptions:

- Any increase in the caseloads of the state trial courts will be not significant and can be absorbed within existing resources.
- The Department of Human Services will not incur a fiscal impact to obtain an order of support in child support cases from the extenuation of the waiting period.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director